Examination of Mr Lenick on the 26th & 29th of June

Collated

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Peter S Lenick ✻ sworn
Examined by Mr Slidell

I am employed now as Melter in the Melter & Refiners office & have been thus employed since March 1838.

I do not recollect any Mexican Dollars numbered No 100 going from the weighers to the Melter & Refiner's office.

I am in the habit of most generally carrying the Bullion from the weighers office to that of the Melter & Refiners

I have not a good memory as to dates.

I am in the habit of noticing the numbers of the deposites that go into the Melter & Refiner's office.

I did not carry in april last to the Melter & Refiners office a deposite of 200 Mexicans dollars under the No 100

I feel very confident that I did not receive from Mr Dacon in april last a pan containing a deposite of 200 Mexican Dollars and

✻ The name of the witness is Lenick

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numbered 100.

Mr Maxwell generally gets to the office at about 8 o'Clock in the morning to distribute the Bullion; he has no regular hours to be there, is there sometimes very late, as late as I am until about 6 or 7 o'Clock in the afternoon, when the workmen are employed in Melting Bullion. I attend earlier in the morning to give them the Bullion.

I am generally the one who stamps the number of the depozite on the bars.

There has been some irregularity in numbering — sometimes three or four numbers are skipped.

The Treasurer's weigher has been in the habit of reserving Mexican coin for a full Melt & I supposed that the numbers reserved take the place of those that are passed over. I always get the numbers from the weigher most generally on paper.

When there are several

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deposites I number the one in the mould before taking any other out of the pot.

I do not think that I have ever made any mistake in numbering. I am sure that I do not. I take the number from the weighers.

I have never seen any thing suspicious as regards the honesty of Mr Maxwell in his office.

The conduct of Mr Maxwell towards his workmen is changeable, he is sometimes rather cross & at others in pretty good humour.

I do not see how the interest & prosperity of the Mint could be promoted by the removal of Mr Maxwell.

On behalf of Mr Bradford.

I think the day I received the Pichnor deposite there were one or more other deposites received by me I recollect that the character of the Pichnor deposite was in hammered dollars & French crowns.

I think the character of the

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other bullion received by me on the same day was of Mexican Dollars & that it was returned on the same day.

I think the Pickrow deposite was numbered 99- 1/2

The Pickrow deposite was melted in two separate parcels by order of the weigher to keep distinct the hammered dollars from the French crowns & were therefore marked 1/2. The number 99 was stamped 99 1/2 by me when I first melted it & returned it for assay. That numbering embraced the whole of the deposite. I am sure on this subject.

There were no other deposites melted on that day for assay. There is no doubt at present on my mind that there were no other deposites melted.

The Pickrow deposite 1/2 was returned in 3 bars. all three were numbered 99, two of them were stamped with the countermark 1/2 the other 2. The three bars were returned at

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the same time for assay.

The amount of the sum-
=mend Dollars ~~xxx~~ 322 30/100
was not put in one bar
because one mould would
not contain them or even if it
could contain them which he
does not think it will, there
is an excuse for dividing it.
when the pot is taken out
of the furnace, when the silver
is melted it has to be poured
out very fast, & when the mould
is very full & poured out very
fast it is apt to splash over
it is divided to avoid ma-
=king grains.

There are in the bar
countermarked 2.— 110 ozs & were
returned in a separate
bar from the others. The
three bars were returned
at the same time & returned
them myself, on the day they
were melted; which is the same
on which they were received.

Quest. Do you recollect ever
having received from the weigh-
-er a deposite accompanied
by the Sr 100 for the purpose
of melting for assay?

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Ans. No I do not recollect ever having received a deposite with number 100 with it before it was melted. One of the bars of No 99 & countermarked No 2 was altered to 100 after being returned to the weigh-room by the request of the weigher. the alteration was made by me.

I cannot recollect whether the alterations in the number was made on the same day or the next after returning it I think that it was made on the next day but I am not certain

Quest. Do you recollect receiving a deposite numbered 101 & the description of it?

Ans. I do not recollect having received a deposite with that number.

To my knowledge I do not recollect ever having ~~received~~ returned a deposite weighing more than 322 30/100 in one bar I never have weighed any. I have said before that I do not believe the mould will hold 322 30/100 of the same

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standard as what the Pich=
=nor deposite is. I believe
the mould will hold over
that amount in fine silver.

I always stamp the Nos
on the bars that are sent
out to mel from the weighing
room. I have never been
mistaken in thus number=
=ing the bars. I have never
altered the numbering at
the suggestion of the weigh
Clerk because I had made
a mistake.

On a hammered dollar
being exhibited to the witness
& his being asked whether
he did not recollect that
at the time the Pichnor depos=
=ite was melted a ham=
=mered dollar was found
in the pot & whether the dol=
=lar exhibited to him is
not that dollar.

Ans. I recollect the circum=
=stance of the dollar being
found & think the dollar
exhibited is the same it is
burnt & they all look alike.

I did not intend to say "At
the time of the Pichnor deposite"

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I do not exactly recollect the time.

My wages in the Melter & Refiners department previous to the quarrel with Mr Dimetry were $2.75 per day. My wages have been increased since that time owing to a mans leaving whose place I took & performed more laborious work. My wages now are $3.25. My wages were not increased until the man left that I heard of, & I did not know it until the 1st of this month— I am allowed for overwork— I was allowed I think six days during the Month of May. I think about 4 days. I cannot say with any certainty.

At one time I had some little difficulty with Mr Maxwell, that is I thought Mr Maxwell treated me rather coolly; This was sometime in the winter of this year.

I have stated to other people that Mr Maxwell was a man who in my opinion would not acknowledge a mistake even if he knew he had made one.

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I have stated this opinion of Mr Maxwell since the difficulty with Mr Dimetry occurred.

Examined on behalf of Mr Maxwell

Mr Maxwell did not give me any order about putting the Pichnor deposite of hammered dollars in one or two moulds.

Mr Maxwell never intermeddled with my numbering, but he has charged me to be very particular about committing mistakes; & to number according to the number given by the weigher.

I recollect that a deposite of Gold was melted, I did not then know the name of the depositor, but I have since heard that it was Kelly; the bar was cracked in stamping, was brought back & overrun the weight three or four pennyweights. It was afterwards remelted on account of being cracked & I used a flux to toughen it, the flux would cause it to be

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less, there is one that would preserve it.

On Behalf of Mr Bradford

A bar of silver No 170 weighing 333 5/100 was exhibited & the witness asked if it had been run in one mould to which he answered that it had been run in one mould, but that it had run over.

Mr Longfield

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Examination of Mr Seabuck resumed.

By Mr Slidell

I do not recollect of being present at any conversation between Mr Bradford & Mr Maxwell about the Tichnor deposite at the time of the difficulty about the Casas deposite. I remember that I was once called in to explain to all the officers how the numbers came to be altered. I saw no comparison of the assay pieces & cannot recollect whether any thing was said on the subject.

I heard Mr Dimitry say in speaking of the Casas' deposite that he had made a mistake about the weight in entering the Casas deposite on the book. This mistake he said was made the first time it was entered, & the reason why he made the mistake a second time was that the weights remained in the scales & when it was weighed a 2d time it weighed the same that it did before

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if he did not think it neces-
=sary to look over the weights.

Examined on behalf of
Mr Bradford.

Quest. Mr Maxwell has
stated in his testimony
that on the 16th of April
in passing thro' the melting
room he was informed
that from the Treasurers
office Mexican Dollars
had been sent out — that
he directed the Melter
not to melt them; that he
would go to the Treasurers
office & did so. Now have
stated in your testimony
as follows? You think the
day you received the Pick-
=nell deposite there were
one or more other deposites
received by you; You recol-
=lect that the character of the
Pickrell deposite was in
hammered dollars & French
crowns; you think that the
character of the other bullion re-
=ceived by you on the same day
was of Mexican dollars & that it was
returned on the same day. Please state who
you think returned that bullion the same day.

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Ans. I do not recollect who it was taken back by.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Testimony given by Peter S. Levick before Thos Slidell Esq. the Commissioner, on the 26th & 29th of June 1839.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed the impress of my seal of office at New Orleans on this 6th of August 1839

Horatio Davis
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Mr Seabrick